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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - JANUARY 16

1. SUMMARY:

--COVERAGE OF THE U.S. DROPS OFF RKEDLY, PERHAPS
IN ANTICIPATION OF THE SECRETARY'S VISIT;

--I. ALEXANDROV WRITES AN AUTHORITATIVE, TOUGH
AND UNYIELDING POLEMIC AIMED AT THE CHINESE (SEPTEL);

--ANGOLA COVERAGE DOWN FROM PREVIOUS DAYS'
HIGHS (SEPTEL);

-BRIEF STORIES ON UNSC DEBATE CONCENTRATE ON
CALLS FOR ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM '67 LANDS AND
ALLEGED GROWING SUPPORT FOR MOSCOW'S GENEVA INITIATIVE;

--CONCLUSION OF WARSAW PACT DEP FON MIN MEETING
IS REPORTED;

--KRASNAYA ZVEZDA DOES NOT LIKE ALLEGED AUSTRIAN
PARTICIPATION IN NATO-U.S. MONITORING NEWTORK;

--PRAVDA COMMENTARY ADDRESSES THE FIRST JOINT
PORTUGUESE-SOVIET ECONOMIC MEETING CAREFULLY;

--PRAVDA CARRIES A LONG COMMENTARY BY YU. YASNEV
ON THE ILLS OF THE EC. END SUMMARY.

2. UNITED STATES. COVERAGE OF THE U.S. IS PRACTICALLY
NON-EXISTENT, BUT IZVESTIYA (JAN 15) DOES FIND SPACE
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FOR A REPLAY OF A DER SPIEGEL ARTICLE WHICH COMMENTS
ON AND CONDEMNS AMERICAN FOREIGN ARMS SALES. PRAVDA'S
CARTOON PORTRAYS A CARLOAD OF ACOLD WARRIORS BEING
MELTED BY THE HOT RAYS OF "DETENTE 76".

3. MIDDLE EAST. CENTRAL PRESS CARRIES BRIEF REPORTS
FROM NEW YORK ON STATEMENTS FROM SELECTED COUNTRIES.
HIGHLIGHTED IS JORDAN'S CALL FOR ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL

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FROM TERRITORY OCCUPIED IN 1967 AND THE NEED TO ASSURE PALESTINIAN RIGHTS (SWEDEN REPORTEDLY ECHOES). THE TASS STORY ALSO CLAIMS THAT MANY DELEGATIONS HAVE EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR MOSCOW'S INITIATIVE RE A RECONVENED GENEGA MEPC.

4. WP DEPUTY FONMIN'S MEETING IN PRAGUE. IZVESTIYA (JAN 15) BUT NOT PRAVDA ANNOUNCES CONCLUSION OF JAN 13-14 MEETING OF DEPUTY FONMINS OF ALL WP COUNTRIES INCLUDING MONGOLIA WITH "FULL UNITY OF VIEWS." COMMENT. MEETING IS NOT BILLED AS WP MEETING, AND NEITHER SUBJECT MATTER NOR NAMES OF PARTICIPANTS GIVEN. END COMMENT.

5. SOVIET COMMENT ON AUSTRIAN INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES. KRASNAYA ZVEZDA (JAN 16)
REPLAYS CHARGES IN AUSTRIAN CP DAILY VOLKSSTIMME THAT AUSTRIANS PARTICIPATING IN NATO-U.S. MONITORING NEWWORK AGAINST EASTERN EUROPE BY SENDING TAPES TO DECODING CENTERS IN U.S. AND FRG, AND THAT THIS IS NOT IN ACCORD WITH NEUTRALITY. COMMENT. AIRING THESE CHARGES CONSTITUTES FIRST (INDIRECT) SOVIET PRESS MENTION WE HAVE SEEN. END COMMENT.

6. SOVIET-PORTUGUESE ECONOMIC TALKS. PRAVDA'S (JAN 16) COMMENTARY COLUMN BY LISBON CORRESPONDENT VLADIMIR YERMAKOV CELEBRATES FIRST MEETINGS OF JOINT COMMISSION THERE VERY CAREFULLY. ACCORDING TO YERMAKOV, PORTUGAL NEEDS DEVELOPING TIES WITH SOCIALIST COUNTRIES TO SOLVE ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES WHICH ARE MULTIPLIED BY WESTERN PRESSURE AND TROUBLES IN WESTERN ECONOMIES WITH WHICH IT IS "BASICALLY LINKED." RESULTS OF SESSION--AGREEMENT TO EXPAND
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TRADE--WERE "POSITIVE," BUT, "IT IS UNDERSTOOD, IT WILL TAKE A LONG TIME TO GIVE SOVIET-PORTUGUESE ECONOMIC RELATIONS THE NECESSARY SCOPE AND DEPTH." THE AGREEMENT "HAS A LONG-TERM, LONG-RANGE (PERSPEKTIVNIY) CHARACTER." STILL, THE SOVIET UNION FINDS PORTUGAL A NATURAL PARTNER AFTER APRIL 25. COMMENT. IT DOES NOT SOUND AS IF THE PORTUGUESE GOT MUCH, BUT THAT WILL NOT PREVENT SOVIETS FROM TRYING TO EAT THEIR CAKE TOO. END COMMENT.

7. COMMENTARY ON EC. YU. YASNEV DEVOTES RARE ATTENTION TO EC IN PRAVDA (JAN 16), TAKING OFF FROM TINDEMANS REPORT. MAIN POINTS ARE: FAILURE OF ROME TREATY AND HAGUE SUMMIT HOPES OF EUROPEAN

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UNION; EC'S PRETENSIONS TO MAKE NARROW GROUPING STAND FOR "EUROPE",; EFFORTS OF "CERTAIN CIRCLES" TO TURN EC INTO "POLITICO--MILITARY BLOC", WITH RECENT SWITCH FROM ECONOMIC TO POLITICAL STRESS AS EVIDENCE; AND INCOMPATABILITY OF THESE TRENDS AND EFFORTS WITH HELSINKI FINAL ACT. "THE PEOPLE KNOW," CONCLUDES YEANEV CONFIDENTLY, "THAT THE REALISTIC PATH TO (EUROPE'S) FUTURE LEADS THROUGH ESTABLISHMENT OF MANY-SIDED PEACEFUL COOPERATION ON THE SCALE OF THE WHOLE CONTINENT, STOPPING THE ARMS RACE, AND EFFECTIVE FULFILLMENT OF THE PROVIDIONS OF THE EUROPEAN CONFERENCE'S FINAL ACT." COMMENT. FOR ALL HIS CROWING ABOUT EC FAILURES, YASNEV NEITHER AFFIRMS NOR PREDICTS EC DISINTEGRATION. RATHER, HE REAFFIRMS SOVIET CONCERN OVER EC MILITARIZATION, AND INVITES THE EC, SINCE IT IS HERE TO STAY, INTO A WIDER FRAMEWORK.

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